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SUB: CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

1. FULL DAY (JUNE 8) SPENT ON DISCUSSIONS OF THE ISSUE OF INTERPRETATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT. NO AGREEMENT ON NATURE OF BEYOND RIGHTS REACHED. GOB REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING JUNE 18 IN WASHINGTON, AND WE AGREED TO RESPOND TO THEIR REQUEST EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. GOB PLACED HEAVY RELIANCE ON FIRST PERSON NOTE OF JULY 10, 1945 FROM US AMBASSADOR TO GOB DESCRIBING EXISTING CARRIER ROUTES WHICH BELGAN DELEGATION LINKED TO SUBSEQUENT FINAL AGREEMENT. SUBSEQUENT GRANTS OF INTERMEDIATE AND BEYOND POINTS SEEN AS LIMITED TO THOSE MENTIONED IN LETTER OR IN GENERAL DIRECTION INDICATED. PAA REQUEST ON MARCH 29, 1973 FOR SERVICE PLAN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE BRUSSELS ON ROUTES SERVING EASTERN EUROPEAN POINTS TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF UNCERTAINTY OF RIGHTS UNDER AGREEMENT. GOB REJECTS ARGUMENTS PLACING VALUE ON THEIR APRIL 21, 1969 SUBMISSION. GOB CITES 1972 US REQUEST FOR AMENDED BEYOND RIGHTS LANGUAGE AS FURTHER UNCERTAINTY.

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3. USG PRESENTATION STRESSED HISTORY OF AGREEMENT BROAD LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN IT, YEARS OF SUBSEQUENT LIBERAL INTERPRETATION, AND GEOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC REALITIES. DESCRIPTIVE NATURE OF 1945 LETTER POINTED OUT, AS WELL AS COMMENTS CONTAINED IN IT. GEOGRAPHIC POINTS ACCEPTED BY GOB; I. E., WARSAW AND MOSCOW, ARE ON GREAT CIRCLE BETWEEN BRUSSELS AND NEW DELHI/ CALCUTTA. HINTS OF PART 213 ACTION BROUGHT STRONG REACTION AND REFUSALS TO NEGOTIATE UNDER PRESSURE. OTHERWISE DISCUSSIONS AMIABLE ENOUGH.

4. OPTIONS AT THIS POINT APPEAR TO BE;

- 1) IMMEDIATE PART 213 ACTION
- 2) REFER MATTER TO ARBITRATION.

3) CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON INTERPRETATION IN WASHINGTON JUNE 18.

4) AGREE TO CONSULTATIONS ON AMENDING AGREEMENT IF FULL TRAFFIC RIGHTS GRANTED PAA TO MOSCOW, AND WARSAW.

5. WALDMANN WOULD APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION OF PROS AND CONS FOR DECISION EARLY NEXT WEEK UPON RETURN.

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